Dear Bishops and Branch Presidents:

The Priesthood Department is creating a new program called My Plan to help returned missionaries transition to life after mission. This program will help these young men and young women set goals and prepare for their future.

When they return home, missionaries often struggle to fit back into normal life and to have a plan for success. They've spent so much time thinking about others, that they have a hard time thinking about themselves. The Publishing Services Department is making a film to introduce this new program. Its purpose is to inspire missionaries to have a plan and to find happiness upon their return. The film will be seen by missionaries worldwide.

We will be filming part of this piece in the New York area. We need to find talent to fill the roles listed below. While, ideally these roles would be filled by members of the Church, we will consider those not of our faith as well.

We recognize that, as bishop, you have many demands on your time, but we would appreciate you letting your ward know about this opportunity. Listed below is a description of the film, the roles we are looking to fill, and instructions on how to apply.

Film Description: When they return home, missionaries often struggle to fit back into normal life and to have a plan for success. They've spent so much time thinking about others, that they have a hard time thinking about themselves. We are making a film for our missionaries, in order to inspire them to have a plan and to find happiness upon their return. The film will be seen by missionaries worldwide.

We are shooting a Terrence Malick (*Tree of Life, The New World*) style film, in which we follow a missionary home and see him engage with his family that he's missed, job opportunities, and his future family and life. The cinematography will be beautiful and the film will be shown to our missionaries worldwide.

Notes for all applicants:

We need actors who can perform without speaking. In this film, there is no dialogue. Everything is related through voiceover. But most actors know that it is just as challenging to act without dialogue as it sometimes is with dialogue. We need someone mature and able. Even if you are not a trained actor, we are willing to consider you if you have good instincts.

Anyone under age 18 would need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the entire travel and shoot times.

LEAD: If cast, you will be shooting potentially one evening on the Staten Island Ferry in NYC, but the two main days after that (Oct 15-16) will be in either East Long Island or Connecticut. We will be staying in a nice rental home both days.

FEATURED EXTRAS: If cast, you will be shooting one day in either East Long Island or Southern Connecticut. Because we will already be on location, we will be paying for your transportation costs from the city to the location. We will be using either the Long Island Jitney busses, Long Island Rail Road, or Amtrak to get you to set. We will pick you up at the station in the town where we will be shooting and bring you to set. Your scene will run between the times of late afternoon and evening, with us taking you back to the station for your trip back to the city. You will not be staying overnight on location. We would like to have all actors leaving together from midtown Manhattan, if possible, and will pay any public transportation costs for you to get to either the Long Island

Jitney station in midtown or Penn Station. You may also drive yourself to location if you desire, but would need to be punctual. In this case, you would be given mileage reimbursement.

ROLES:

Lead (Returned Missionary)
Male
Ethnicity: African American
Age: 18-27
Rate: $350 per day + overtime for anything over 10 hours.
Shooting Dates: October 15 & 16 / Potentially also the evening of the 14th
Actor Needs: We are seeking someone to play an LDS (Mormon) missionary returning home from two years of missionary service overseas to his family, who lives in Long Island or Connecticut.

Featured Extra (Father)
Male
Ethnicity: African American
Age: 45-60
Rate: $200 per day + overtime for anything over 10 hours.
Shooting Dates: October 15
Actor Needs: We are seeking someone to play the father of an LDS (Mormon) missionary returning home from two years of missionary service overseas.

Featured Extra (Mother)
Female
Ethnicity: African American
Age: 45-60
Rate: $200 per day + overtime for anything over 10 hours.
Shooting Dates: October 15
Actress Needs: We are seeking someone to play the mother of an LDS (Mormon) missionary returning home from two years of missionary service overseas.

Featured Extra (Brother)
Male
Ethnicity: African American
Age: 12-19
Rate: $200 per day + overtime for anything over 10 hours.
Shooting Dates: October 15
Actor Needs: We are seeking two young men to play the teenage brothers of an LDS (Mormon) missionary returning home from two years of missionary service overseas.

Featured Extra (Child)
Male
Ethnicity: African American
Age: 3-7
Rate: $200 per day + overtime for anything over 10 hours.
Shooting Dates: October 16

Actor Needs: We are seeking someone to play the child of an LDS (Mormon) missionary who has returned from two years of service overseas and has now started a family.

Featured Extra (Child)
Female
Ethnicity: African American
Age: 3-7
Rate: $200 per day + overtime for anything over 10 hours.
Shooting Dates: October 16
Actress Needs: We are seeking someone to play the child of an LDS (Mormon) missionary who has returned from two years of service overseas and has now started a family.

Featured Extra (Girlfriend/Wife)
Female
Ethnicity: African American
Age: 18-27
Rate: $250 per day + overtime for anything over 10 hours.
Shooting Dates: October 16
Actress Needs: We are seeking someone to play the girlfriend and then wife of an LDS (Mormon) missionary who has returned from two years of service overseas and is now looking to start a family.

Featured Extra (Returned Missionary – Later Years)
Male
Ethnicity: African American
Age: 60-80
Rate: $200 per day + overtime for anything over 10 hours.
Shooting Dates: October 16
Actor Needs: We are seeking someone to play the older version of an LDS (Mormon) missionary who has returned from two years of service overseas. We are shooting scenes with a younger version when he returns home initially. You will be playing the same person, but decades later.

Featured Extra (Wife – Later Years)
Female
Ethnicity: African American
Age: 60-80
Rate: $200 per day + overtime for anything over 10 hours.
Shooting Dates: October 16
Actress Needs: We are seeking someone to play the older version of the wife of an LDS (Mormon) missionary who has returned from two years of service overseas. We are shooting scenes with a younger version when he returns home initially and subsequently dates and then marries. You will be playing this same girlfriend/wife, but decades later.

Featured Extra
Female
Ethnicity: Any
Age: 18-27
Rate: $150 per day + overtime for anything over 10 hours.
Shooting Dates: October 15
Actress Needs: We are seeking someone to play one half of a random couple walking down the street near a café, holding hands.

Featured Extra
Male
Ethnicity: Any
Age: 18-27
Rate: $150 per day + overtime for anything over 10 hours.
Shooting Dates: October 15
Actor Needs: We are seeking someone to play one half of a random couple walking down the street near a café, holding hands.

TO APPLY:

1. Record a brief 60-90 second video of yourself.
a. If you are an actor, video a monologue of your choosing or share your video reel with us.
b. If you do not have acting experience, just tell us a little about yourself and why you are interested in participating in this project.
2. Upload your video to a file sharing website (such as YouTube), set the privacy setting to "**Unlisted**." (Not Private as we will not be able to view videos listed "Private.")
3. Click Here and fill out the online form. You will be asked to upload 2 current photos of yourself and share the link to your video. (Form URL: https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=1dCQseANwHlhXtX5Z%2A3c1w)
a. If the link to the form does not work, please visit http://casting.lds.org and click on the post entitled "My Plan: film shoot in New York area." The link will be active at the bottom of the post.

Applications must be received by Friday, October 3, 2014.

Best Regards,

Casting Director
Publishing Services Department I The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints